GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1453
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CENSOR BOARD
Reddy Shri Karunakara G.

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any request from the Non-Governmental Organizations with regards to censoring of feature films in regional languages alongwith in Hindi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has reconstituted the Censor Board and its Regional Committees;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which the Censor Board and its Regional Committees are likely to be reconstituted?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI)

(a) : Yes, Sir. Only one film was received for certification from a Non-Governmental Organisation.

(b) : The film 'Devrai' (Marathi) whose producer and applicant is Schizophrenia Awareness Association and K.S. Wani Memorial Trust was certified by the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) vide CC No.CIL/3/90/2004-CL and was given an 'A' certificate.

(c) & (d) : Yes, Sir. The Chairperson of the CBFC was appointed vide notification dated 13.10.2004 and the Members of the Censor Board were appointed vide notifications dated 05.02.2005, 03.03.2005 and 03.06.2005 taking the total number of members to 23. The Advisory Panels were reconstituted for the Regional Offices of Mumbai, Chennai, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Delhi and Thiruvananthapuram. The Advisory Panels of Kolkata, Cuttack and Guwahati which were constituted in February, 2004 have not been reconstituted further.

(e) : The tenure of the Chairperson and members of the Censor Board are generally for a period not exceeding three years or until further orders, whichever is earlier. The Advisory Panel members are appointed for a period of two years or until further orders, whichever is earlier.